

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

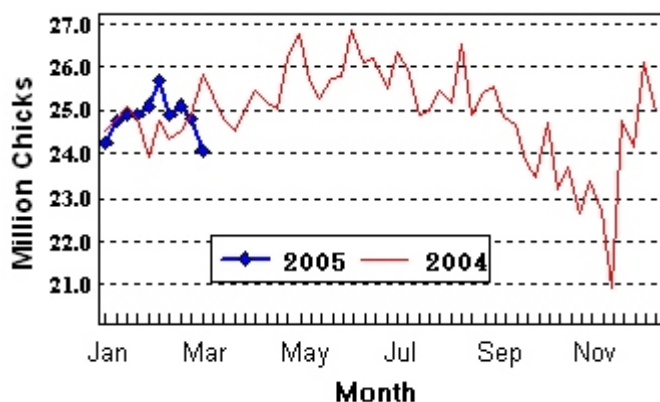
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending March 5, 2005. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down 3 percent from the revised previous week, and included 1.7 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.9 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.6 percent.

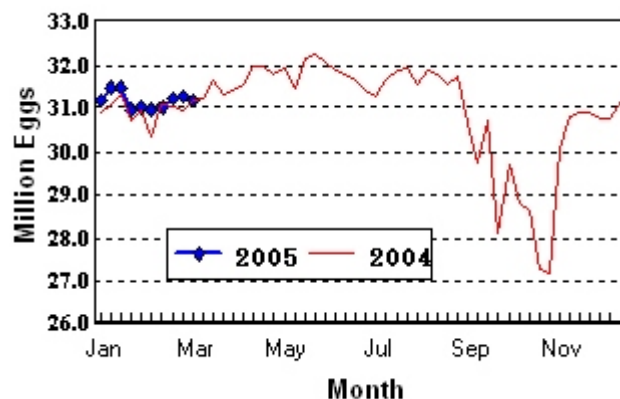
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 5, 2005, up fractionally from the same period last year, but down slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jan. 29	23,910	25,119	105	25,719	26,145	102	30,944	31,023	100
Feb. 5	24,766	25,702	104	25,821	26,367	102	30,374	30,987	102
Feb. 12	24,386	24,929	102	25,491	25,911	102	31,055	31,020	100
Feb. 19	24,508	25,110	102	25,694	25,934	101	31,033	31,217	101
Feb. 26	24,911	24,831	100	25,002	25,908	104	30,948	31,259	101
Mar. 5	25,837	24,076	93	25,559	25,946	102	31,160	31,198	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb	05-Mar		29-Jan	05-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb	05-Mar	
Alabama	30,343 *	30,075	29,754 *	30,331	101	20,840	21,150	21,630	21,582	21,639 *	21,620	100
ARKANSAS	31,020 *	31,217	31,259	31,198	100	25,119	25,702	24,929	25,110	24,831 *	24,076	93
Delaware	3,929	3,927	3,929	3,955	104	5,294	5,402	5,314	5,039 *	6,723 *	5,948	143
Florida	1,343	1,359	1,357	1,358	100	1,638	1,500	1,500	1,540	1,437	1,503	87
Georgia	33,521	33,448	33,611 *	33,214	102	26,864	27,067	26,377	26,777	27,162 *	27,631	105
Kentucky	7,237	7,281	7,392	7,191	100	6,168	6,275	6,305	6,368	6,286 *	6,262	110
Louisiana	4,044	4,044	4,043	4,044	107	4,025	3,915	3,830	3,814	3,746	3,581	102
Maryland	8,900	8,947	8,931	8,972	101	4,194	5,319	4,745	5,697 *	4,214 *	5,122	81
Mississippi	19,558	19,465	19,277	19,314	100	17,634	17,559	18,184	17,890	17,963	17,817	108
N. Carolina	18,637 *	18,651	18,202 *	18,870	102	14,411	14,540	14,668	14,893	14,556 *	15,140	105
Oklahoma	6,467	6,306	6,426 *	6,386	98	4,783	5,165	5,258	5,065	5,560	6,359	156
Pennsylvania	4,065	4,278 *	3,881 *	4,039	104	2,909	2,963	2,878	3,104 *	3,166 *	3,029	114
S. Carolina	5,316	5,167 *	5,279	6,073	161	3,854	4,152	4,722	4,560	4,449	3,957	99
Texas	15,135 *	15,207 *	15,240 *	15,155	101	12,640	11,661 *	12,814 *	12,768 *	12,714 *	12,739	104
Virginia	6,494 *	6,424	6,528	6,525	100	5,703	4,826	5,385	5,220	5,372	4,898	96
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,379	18,040	17,937 *	18,392	103	15,264	15,774 *	17,003	16,455	17,108 *	17,343	115
Total 2005	214,388 *	213,836 *	213,046 *	215,017		171,340	172,970 *	175,542 *	175,882 *	176,926 *	177,025	
Total 2004	208,421	209,844	210,864	210,313		168,098	168,937	167,265	167,390	168,319	169,208	
%Prev. Year	103	102	101	102		102	102	105	105	105	105	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						19-Mar	26-Mar	02-Apr	09-Apr	16-Apr	23-Apr	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 215 million eggs during the week ending March 5, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 5, 2005. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through March 5, 2005 were 1.57 billion, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.